Poaching of animals in sanctuaries

†672. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poachers of elephants, tigers, lions and other extinct/on the verge of extinction animals are still being carried out unabated in sanctuaries inspite of all the safety measures;

(b) the breed-wise/year-wise/sanctuary-wise/species-wise details of the animals killed in different sancturies during the last three years; and

(c) the number of poachers and the officers with whose connivance the poaching is carried out, punished so far in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Cases of poaching of wild animals including elephants, tigers and lions are reported from different parts of the country. Species-wise details of wild animals killed in different States during the last three years is at Statement I (*See* below). Since most of the seizures have been made outside the sanctuaries and national parks, it is difficult to ascertain the exact place of poaching of wild animals. All reported cases of poaching and seizure in sanctuaries and national parks have been included in the Statement I.

(c) The responsibility of investigations of poaching cases and prosecution of offenders lies with the State Governments. Government of India maintains record of important case of poaching and seizures. The details of offenders arrested in such important cases and the action taken is at Statement II (*see* below). No case of connivance and punishment of Government officials has been reported by the State Governments.

Statement-I

Regarding poaching of Animals in Sanctuaries
Reported cases of Tiger Poaching

State	1999	2000	2001
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	2(1 in Kawal WLS)	4(1 skin seized at Nagarjun Sagar TR)	1(1in Nagar-junsagar Srisailam TR)

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1	2	3	4
Assam	Nil	4 (1 in Orang WLS)	Nil
Delhi	1	2	
Madhya Pradesh	9 (2 in Bandhavgar TR)	4 (1 in Kanha NP &	2 (1 in Pench NP)
Orissa	1 (1 in Satkosia WLS)	1 in Bandhavgarh TR)	
Maharashtra	3 (2 in Melghat	4	11 (2 in Tadoba
	TR & 1 in Andheri TR)		NP)
Tamil Nadu	2		
Uttar Pradesh	14 (1 in Rajaji NP)	12 (2 in Katarniagh-	18 (1 in Katarnia-
		at WLS & 2 in	ghat WLS & 1 in
		Dudhwa NP)	Dudhwa NP)
West Bengal	6 (2 in Sunderban TR)	7 (4 in Sunderban TR)	
Kerala			3
Rajasthan		2	
TOTAL:	38	39	35

Reported cases of Lion poaching

State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Gujarat (Gir Forest)	Nil	2	1
Assam	2	2 (1 in Pobitora WLS)	3 (3 in Manas WLS)
Bihar	1 (in Palamau NP)	1 (in Palamau NP)	0
Karnataka	27	16	19
Kerala	4	1	1
Meghalaya	2	2	0
Orissa	14 (1 in Kuldiha WLS, 1 in Simlipal WLS)	4	3
Tamil Nadu	12	5	7
Uttar Pradesh	1	0	5 (in Corbet NP)
West Bengal	4 (3 in Jaldapara WLS)	9 (4 in Buxa TR & 1 in Mahananda WLS)	3 (2 in Buxa TR)
TOTAL:	66	41	41

Reported cases of Leopard Poaching

State	1999	2000	2001
Uttar Pradesh	56	166	28 (1 in Rajaji NP)
Andhra Pradesh	1 (Kawal WLS)	5 (1 in Pocharam WLS)	
Goa		1	
Rajasthan	4	1	2
Madhya Pradesh	15 (3 Achanakmar WLS, 1 in Bori WLS & 1 in Sitanadi WLS)	9	
Maharashtra	2	5	6
Himachal Pradesh		1	1 (1 in Chail WLS)
Jammu & Kashmir		1	
Assam		2	
Gujarat	1 (Gir NP/WLS)		
Delhi		2	6
Punjab		8	
Tamil Nadu	1		26
TOTAL:	80	201	69

Reported cases of Rhino Poaching

Year	No. of Rhinos Poached	NP / WLS	State
1	2	3	4
1998-99	0	Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
1999-00	1	Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
2000-01	1	Jaldapara WLS	West Bengal
1998	8	Kaziranga NP	Assam
1998	12	Orang NP	Assam
1998	4	Pobitora WLS	Assam
1998	4	Other areas	Assam
1999	4	Kaziranga NP	Assam
1999	7	Orang NP	Assam
1999	6	Pobitora WLS	Assam
1999	2	Other areas	Assam

1	2	3	4
2000	4	Kaziranga NP	Assam
2000	8	Orang NP	Assam
2000	2	Pobitora WLS	Assam
2000	3	Other areas	Assam

Statement-II

Regarding Poaching of Animals in sanctuaries

Details of offenders arrested and action taken

i. On 18.12.99, 3 tiger skins, 50 leopard skins and 5 other skins were seized at Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh border. 8 nos. of offenders were arrested. The investigation has been completed and the complaint has been filed in the court.

ii. On 12.1.2000, 4 nos. of tiger skins, 70 nos. of leopard skins, 18000 nos. of leopard claws, 132 nos. of tiger claws and 221 nos. of black buck skins were seized at Khaga. 6 nos. of offenders were arrested. The investigation has been completed and the complaint has been filed in the court.

iii. On 15.1.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 2 persons for possessing 1 tiger and 1 leopard skin at Atariya Railway Station, Sitapur. Investigation is in progress.

iv. On 2.2.2001, 70 Shahtoosh shawls were seized by Central Bureau of Investigation in Delhi. 2 nos. of offenders were arrested. The investigation is in progress.

v. On 6.2.2001, one tiger carcass was found in Nallamala forests in Andhra Pradesh. 5 offenders were arrested. Investigation is under progress.

vi. On 25.2.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 4 persons for illegal possession of 1 tiger skin, 41 Kgs. of bones including 7 tiger skulls at Kheri (Palia). Investigation is in progress.

vii. On 21.3.2001, 1 tiger skin, 5 tiger skulls, 1.9 Kgs. antler horns, 10 nos. of tiger claws, 23 Kgs. of tiger bones, 3 nos. of tiger teeth and 4 nos. of leopard skins were seized by Central Bureau of Investigation in Nagpur. 6 nos of offenders were arrested. The investigation is in progress.

viii. On 7.4.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 3 persons for illegal possession of 1 tiger skin and 1 leopard skin at Palia, Kheri. Investigation is in progress.

ix. On 27.4.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 5 persons for possessing 1 tiger and 19 leopard skin at Kanpur and 5 leopard skin and 10 claws in Lucknow. Investigation is in progress.

x. On 14.5.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 2 persons for possessing 2 suspected tiger skin at Allahabad. Investigation is in progress.

Development of Environment and Forests

†673. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the State of Bihar for the development of Environment and Forests Department during the last three years;

(b) the amount utilised in the State in this regard; and

(c) the details of specific reasons for non-utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has released an amount of Rs. 1861.94 lakhs during the last three years to the State of Bihar for the development of Environment and Forests. The amount utilised in the State in this regard is Rs. 1355.39 lakhs during the last three years.

(c) Main reason for non-utilisation of funds is delay in releasing of funds to the implementing agencies by the State.

Sacking of KV Teachers

674. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some office-bearers of a recognised association of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas were sacked in January, 2001, for organising demonstrations, protest-rallies and burning effigy of Jt. Commissioner in August, 1999, after school hours and outside KVs premises;

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